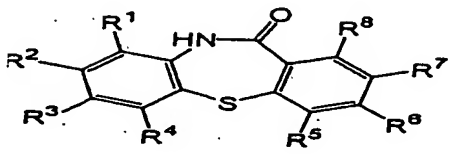
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

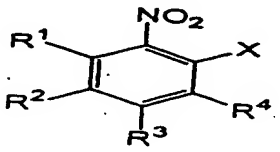
1. (Original) A process *s* for preparing a dibenzothiazepine derivative of the following formula (5):



(5)

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylcarbonyl group, an aryl , an aryloxy group, or an arylcarbonyl group, each group being optionally substituted, which comprises the steps of

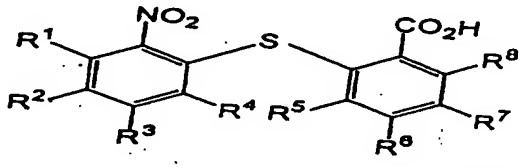
reacting a nitrobenzene derivative of the following formula (1):



(1)

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 has the meaning as described above, and X represents a halogen atom, with a thiosalicylic acid derivative of the following formula (2):

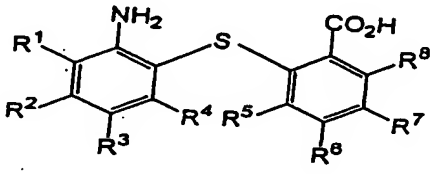
in which each of R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 has the meaning as described above, to obtain a 2 -nitro- 2' - carboxy- diphenylsulfide derivative of the following formula (3):



(3)

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 has the meaning as described above;

reducing the obtained 2 -nitro - 2' - carboxy-diphenyl-sulfide derivative, to obtain a 2 -amino- 2' - carboxydiphenylsulfide derivative of the following formula (4):



(4)

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 has the meaning as described above;

and

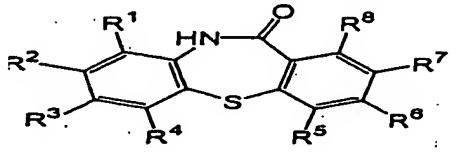
subjecting the obtained 2 - amino- 2' - carboxy-diphenyl-sulfide derivative to dehydration-condensation reaction.

2. (Original) The process for the preparation of the dibenzo-thiazepine derivative as defined in claim1 , wherein the reaction between the nitrobenzene derivative of the formula (1) and the thiosalicylic acid derivative of the formula (2) is performed in an organic solvent in the presence of a base.

3. (Original) The process for the, preparation of the dibenzo-thiazepine derivative as defined in claim 1, wherein the reduction of the 2 -nitro- 2' - carboxy-diphenylsulfide derivative of the formula (3) is performed in the presence of a compound selected from the group consisting of Raney-nickel, a ferrous salt, palladium, platinum, a palladiurn compound and a platinum compound.

4. (Original) The process for the preparation of the dibenzo - thiazepine derivative as defined in claim 1, wherein the dehydration-condensation reaction of the 2 – amino - carboxy-diphenylsulfide derivative of the formula (4) is performed in an organic solvent.

5. (Original) A process for preparing a dibenzothiazepine derivative of the following formula (5):

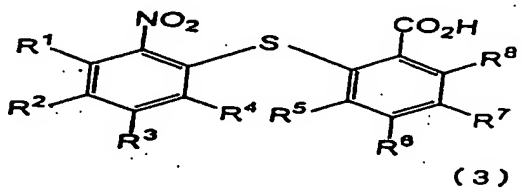


(5)

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy , an alkylcarbonyl, an aryl group , an aiyloxy group, or an arylcarbonyl group, each group being optionally substituted,

which comprises the steps of:

reducing a 2 -nitro- 2' - carboxy- diphenylsulfide derivative of the following formula (3):



(3)

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 has the meaning as described above, to obtain a 22 - amino - 2' -carboxy-diphenylsulfide derivative of the following formula (4):

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 has the meaning as described above;

and

subjecting the obtained 2 -amino- 2' carboxy-diphenyl-sulfide derivative to dehydration-condensation reaction.

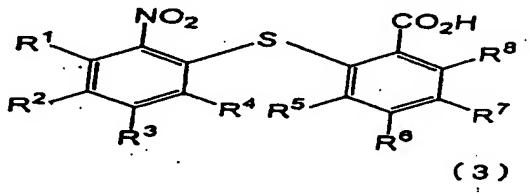
6. (Original) The process for the preparation of the dibenzo-thiazepine derivative as defined in claim 5, wherein the reduction of the 2 -nitro- 2' - carboxy-diphenylsulfide de -derivative of the formula (3) is performed in the presence of a compound selected from the group consisting of Raney-nickel, a ferrous salt, palladium, platinum, a palladium compound and a platinum compound.

7. (Original) The process for the preparation of the dibenzo-thiazepine derivative as defined in claim 5, wherein the dehydration- condensation reaction of the 2 - amino- 2' - canboxy-diphenylsulfide derivative of the formula (4) is performed in an organic solvent.

8. (Canceled)

9. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the step of reacting a nitrobenzene derivative of formula (1) with a thiosalicyclic acid derivative of formula (2) is conducted in a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, amide solvents, aliphatic alcohols, ketones, and nitriles.

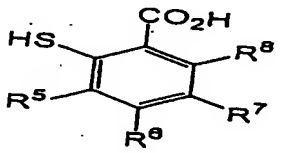
10. (New) A method for preparing a 2-nitro-2'-carboxy-diphenyl-sulfide derivative of the following formula (3):



(3)

in which each of , R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 independently represents a hydrogen atoms an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkylcarbonyl group, an aryl group, an aryloxy group, or an arylcarbonyl group. each group being optionally substituted, which comprises the step of reacting a nitrobenzene derivative of the following formula (1):

in which each of R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 has the same meaning as above, and X represents a halogen atom, with a thiosalicylic acid derivative of the flowing formula (2):



(2)

in which each of R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, and R^8 has the same meaning as above.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the reaction step is conducted in a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, amide solvents, aliphatic alcohols, ketones, and nitriles.

12. (New) The process of claim 5, wherein the step of reducing the 2-nitro-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide derivative is conducted in the presence of a Raney-nickel, palladium, a palladium compound, platinum, or a platinum corn-pound.

13. (New) The process of claim 5, wherein the step of subjecting the 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide derivative to dehydration-condensation reaction for obtaining a dienzothiazepine derivative is conducted in a hydrophobic solvent and by azeotropic distillation.

14. (New) A process for 11[4-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl)]-1-piperazinyldibenzothiazepine which comprises the steps of:

reacting 2-chloronitrobenzene with thiosalicylic acid to obtain 2-nitro-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide;

reducing the obtained 2-nitro-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to obtain 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide;

subjecting the obtained 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to dehydration-condensation reaction to obtain dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-11-one;

reacting the obtained dibenzo [b,f][1,4]thiazepin-11-one with phosphorus oxychloride to obtain 11-chlorodibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepine;

reacting the obtained 11-chlorodibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepine with piperazine to obtain 11-piperazinyl-dibenzothiazepine derivative; and

reacting the obtained 11-piperazinyl-dibenzothiazepine derivative with 2-chloroethoxyethanol.

15. (New) The process of claim 14, wherein the step of reacting a 2-chloronitrobenzene with thiosalicylic acid is conducted in a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, amide solvents, aliphatic alcohols, ketones, and nitriles.

16. (New) The process of claim 14 or 15, wherein the step of reducing the obtained 2-nitro-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide is conducted in the presence of a Raney-nickel, palladium, a palladium compound, platinum, or a platinum

compound.

17. (New) The process of any one of claims 14-16, wherein the step of subjecting the obtained 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to dehydration-condensation reaction is conducted in a hydrophobic solvent and by azeotropic distillation.

18. (New) A process for 11-[4-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl)]-1-piperazinyldibenzothiazepine which comprises the steps of:

reducing 2-nitro-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to obtain 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide;

subjecting the obtained 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to dehydration-condensation reaction to obtain dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-11-one;

reacting the obtained dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-11-one with phosphorus-oxychloride to obtain 11-chlorodibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepine;

reacting the obtained 11-chlorodibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepine with piperazine to obtain 11-piperazinyl-dibenzothiazepine derivative; and .

reacting the obtained 11-piperazinyl-dibenzothiazepine derivative with 2-chloroethoxyethanol.

19. (New) The process of claim 18, wherein the step of reducing the obtained 2-nitro-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide is conducted in the presence of a Raney-

nickel, palladium, a palladium compound, platinum, or a platinum compound.

20. (New) The process of claim 18 or 19, wherein the step of subjecting the obtained 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to dehydration-condensation reaction is conducted in a hydrophobic solvent and by azeotropic distillation.

21. (New) A process for 11-[4-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl)]-1 piperazinyldibenzothiazepine which comprises the steps of:

subjecting 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to dehydration-condensation reaction to obtain dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-11-one;

reacting the obtained dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-11-one with phosphorus oxychloride to obtain 11 –chlorodibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepine;

reacting the obtained 11-chlorodibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepine with piperazine to obtain 11-piperazinyl-dibenzothiazepine derivative; and

reacting the obtained 11-piperazinyl-dibenzothiazepine derivative with 2-chloroethoxyethanol.

22. (New) The process of claim 21, wherein the step of subjecting the obtained 2-amino-2'-carboxy-diphenylsulfide to dehydration-condensation reaction is conducted in a hydrophobic solvent and by azeotropic distillation.